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Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence

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Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence

Member Programs and Services

The Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence reported that all 37 domestic violence programs in Tennessee are members of its coalition. The majority of the coalition member programs offer many domestic violence services including on-site shelters and domestic violence hotlines. The least numerous programs are transitional/second-stage housing and treatment/rehabilitation programs for batterers. See exhibit 1 for the various domestic violence services offered by the member programs of the Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence.

Many member programs noted specific populations for which special service components have been developed. Minority women, Hispanics, or non-English speaking populations are served by several programs. Singular programs noted having services for children, men, the elderly, the disabled, mothers or pregnant women who are substance abusers, residents of rural communities, or members of the mental health community.

Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=37) offering various domestic violence services	
<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
37	Independently run domestic violence hotline
37	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
37	Support group for women
37	Legal advocacy program
37	Medical advocacy program
37	Specific support program for sheltered children
37	Services for non-sheltered children
36	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
36	Education programs in colleges or universities
37	Community education/speakers bureau
37	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
6	Transitional/second-stage housing
2	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
12	Other services (<i>intervention, education, counseling, work with the housing authority to find housing, referrals to batterer programs, referrals to sexual assault programs, referrals for transitional housing</i>)

Three of the 37 member programs reported having both domestic violence and sexual assault services. The sexual assault services offered by these programs are outlined in exhibit 2. One program noted that it devoted 99 percent of its services to domestic violence and 1 percent to sexual assault. No percentages could be ascertained for the other two dual programs.

**Exhibit 2. Number of coalition member programs (N=3)
offering various sexual assault services**

Number of programs	Service
2	Independently run sexual assault hotline
1	One-on-one counseling
2	Support group for adult women
0	Support group for teenage girls
0	Support group for male victims
1	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
1	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
1	Secondary support group for parents of victims
3	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
2	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
3	Legal advocacy program
2	Medical advocacy program
2	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
2	Education programs in colleges or universities
3	Community education/speakers bureau
3	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
3	Technical assistance
0	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
1	Other services (<i>counseling for adult survivors of sexual abuse</i>)

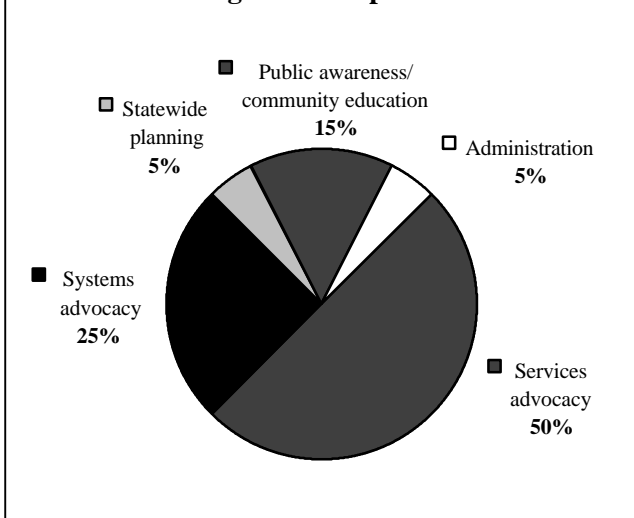
Domestic Violence Coalition Operations

The Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence devotes half of its efforts to services advocacy operations (figure 1). Systems advocacy consumed another quarter of its endeavors, and public awareness/community education occupied 15 percent of the coalition's work. Operations such as statewide planning and coalition administration each drew upon 5 percent of the coalition's efforts.

Special Projects of the Domestic Violence Coalition

The Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence oversaw three special projects in the 1995 fiscal year.

Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence coalition level among various operations



Improving the Court's Response to Domestic Violence

Description: The coalition established a state coordinating council, held a statewide conference, developed a judicial benchbook, and developed model court and law enforcement policies.

Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: Federal funding

Law Enforcement Training Project

Description: This project provided training and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies on policy development and officer response.

Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: Nongovernmental funding

Domestic Violence Community Awareness Campaign for Health Care Practitioners

Description: The coalition worked with the Tennessee Medical Association to raise awareness of domestic violence among physicians and the communities they serve. In addition, the coalition developed a physician manual.

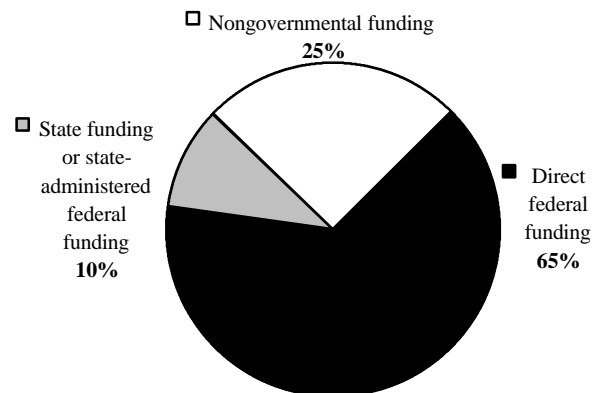
Purpose: Services advocacy

Funding Source: Nongovernmental funding

Domestic Violence Coalition Funding

The total fiscal year 1995 budget of the Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence falls into the third quartile of funding (\$175,001 to \$425,000) when compared to the other domestic violence coalitions in this inventory. The largest source of funding in fiscal year 1995 was direct federal funding (figure 2). Nongovernmental funding also contributed a considerable amount to the budget, accounting for 25 percent of the total budget. State-administered funding provided 10 percent of 1995 revenues.

Figure 2. Funding sources and percentage of funds: Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence



The Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence passed no federal, state, or nongovernmental funding to its member programs. It used 88 percent of its revenues to support coalition programs and to cover operating expenses. The coalition retained 12 percent for expenditures in future fiscal years.

Federal and State Funding

Direct federal funding represented the largest source of capital in fiscal year 1995 for the Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence. A state coalition grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and funding from the State Justice Institute were the two federal sources. State-administered funding was made possible through appropriated funds or general state funds (see exhibit 3).

Exhibit 3. Sources of government funding reported by the Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state coalition grant • State Justice Institute funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriated funds or general state funds

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Nongovernmental funding accounted for 25 percent of the coalition's total 1995 revenues. Of this 25 percent, over half came from sources such as conference fees; the sale of tapes, buttons and T-shirts; interest; and a community giving fund. Grants from private foundations and corporations made a 26 percent contribution to nongovernmental funding, and private donations and local program dues furnished 15 percent of the nongovernmental funding (see exhibit 4).

Exhibit 4. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Foundation or corporate grants	26%
Private donations	8%
Local program dues	7%
Other nongovernmental sources	59%

*Nongovernmental funding was 25% of total funding.

Tennessee Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Member Programs and Services

Six programs were identified as member programs of the Tennessee Coalition Against Sexual Assault. With the exception of treatment/rehabilitation programs for sexual offenders, each inventoried service is offered by at least half of the member programs (exhibit 5). Two programs also offer other services such as a special advocacy program for those exploited by therapists or other professionals.

Four of the six member programs have specific service components that meet the needs of special populations affected by violence against women. Two programs address rural, low-income, low-education populations and two others are prepared to deal with issues particular to urban, inner-city populations. One program has developed special components for prison inmates who are victims of sexual assault.

**Exhibit 5. Number of coalition member programs (N=6)
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
5	Independently run sexual assault hotline
6	One-on-one counseling
6	Support group for adult women
6	Support group for teenage girls
3	Support group for male victims
3	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
4	Secondary support groups for spouses/partners of victims
4	Secondary support groups for parents of victims
6	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
5	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
4	Legal advocacy program
5	Medical advocacy program
6	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
6	Education programs in colleges or universities
6	Community education/speakers bureau
5	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
4	Technical assistance
1	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
2	Other services (<i>medical exam and forensic evidence gathering, advocacy for clients abused or exploited by therapists, clergy, etc.</i>)

Two member programs of the Tennessee Coalition Against Sexual Assault identified themselves as dual programs that offer domestic violence services as well as sexual assault services. Refer to exhibit 6 for the scope of domestic violence services offered by these two programs.

Exhibit 6. Number of coalition member programs (N=2) offering various domestic violence services

Number of programs	Service
1	Independently run domestic violence hotline
1	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
2	Support group for women
2	Legal advocacy program
2	Medical advocacy program
1	Specific support program for sheltered children
2	Services for non-sheltered children
2	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
2	Education programs in colleges or universities
2	Community education/speakers bureau
2	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
0	Transitional/second-stage housing
0	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
0	Other services

Sexual Assault Coalition Operations

As shown in figure 3, the largest draw upon the coalition's time and resources was systems advocacy (40 percent), followed by statewide planning (30 percent) and services advocacy (20 percent). Coalition administration consumed 10 percent of its efforts.

Special Projects of the Sexual Assault Coalition

The Tennessee Coalition Against Sexual Assault undertook one special project during fiscal year 1994-95.

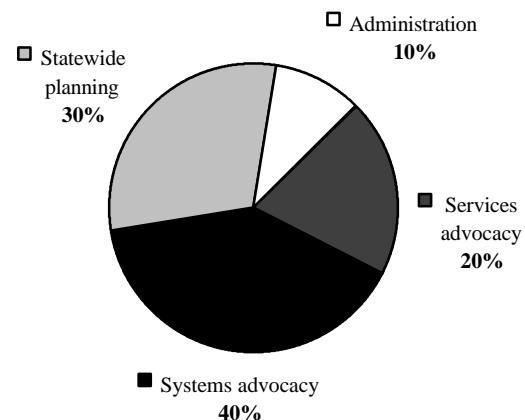
Licensure/Accreditation

Description: The coalition formed a joint committee with the Tennessee division of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) to establish program and practitioner standards for sexual assault specialists.

Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: State funding

Figure 3. Percentage of effort allocated at the sexual assault coalition level among various operations



Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

The sole source of revenue for the Tennessee Coalition Against Sexual Assault in fiscal year 1994-95 was state-administered federal funding through a Preventive Health Block Grant. Based on this funding, the coalition falls in the second-to-highest funding range (\$75,001 to \$200,000) when compared to other sexual assault coalitions participating in this inventory.

Federal and State Funding

As previously mentioned, the only source of funding, governmental or otherwise, came by way of a state-administered Preventive Health Block Grant. The coalition did not receive any direct federal funding (see exhibit 7).

Exhibit 7. Sources of government funding reported by the Tennessee Coalition Against Sexual Assault	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventive Health Block Grant

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

The Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence did not obtain any nongovernmental funding.

Funds Passed to Local Programs

The Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence passed 95 percent of its fiscal year 1994-95 budget to its member programs. As the coalition's only source of revenue was a Preventive Health Block Grant, the money passed to the member program originated in this grant. The remaining 5 percent of the coalition's 1994-95 budget was used to support the work of the coalition. No funds were held over for the following fiscal year.

Tennessee State Government Agencies

Four state agencies were identified as receiving and administering funds for the prevention and abolition of violence against women. Three of them are housed within the Tennessee Department of Human Services. Note that the Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs provided figures from fiscal year 1995-96 and the other state agencies provided fiscal year 1994-95 information. Readers should bear in mind this fact when interpreting the dollar amounts in this report.

**Department of Finance and Administration,
Office of Criminal Justice Programs****Fiscal year: July 1995-June 1996**

The Department of Finance and Administration reported for its 1995-96 fiscal year as opposed to its 1994-95 fiscal year. Department of Finance and Administration representatives explained that the 1995-96 fiscal year was the first year they had money that could be tracked, and that it was not possible to give figures for the fiscal year ending in 1995.

During the 1995-96 fiscal year, the Department of Finance and Administration allocated \$1,066,000 to support domestic violence programs and \$137,000 to support sexual assault programs. All money was made available by the federal Byrne Memorial Fund.

The Department of Finance and Administration divided its Byrne Memorial Fund income among two types of recipients -- other state government agencies and local government agencies. Other state government agencies received \$409,000 for the abatement of domestic violence and \$35,000 for sexual assault services. Local government agencies acquired \$656,000 to combat domestic violence and \$102,000 to support sexual assault programming and prevention efforts.

**Tennessee Department of Human Services,
Office of Adult and Community Programs****Fiscal year: July 1994-June 1995**

This agency received both federal and state funds. Federal funds were made possible through a Family Violence Prevention and Services Act state formula grant for \$307,000. The Office of Adult and Community Programs received an additional \$573,000 in state funds generated by marriage license fees/surcharges. All money was passed directly to local domestic violence programs.

**Tennessee Department of Human Services,
Office of Community Programs****Fiscal year: July 1994-June 1995**

The Office of Community Programs received federal funds from a Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program. All \$277,000 of this funding went to local nonprofit agencies.

Tennessee Department of Human Services**Fiscal year: July 1994-June 1995**

This agency distributed both domestic violence and sexual assault funds. Domestic violence funding was generated by two sources. The federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) disbursed \$340,000 to this agency and the state supplemented this amount with \$400,000 generated through tax revenues/general fund. Local domestic violence programs were the sole beneficiaries of this agency's domestic violence funding.

This agency's sexual assault budget totaled \$345,000 and originated as funds from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). All monies were passed to local sexual assault programs.

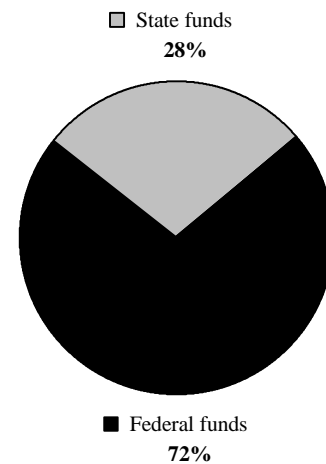
Federal and State Funding Reported by Tennessee State Government Agencies

Each Tennessee agency received some federal funding. The Byrne Memorial funds acquired by the Department of Finance and Administration was the single largest piece of federal or state funding. Other federal awards ranged from \$277,000 to \$340,000. In total, federal funds composed 72 percent of Tennessee's pool to fund the fight of violence against women (figure 4). Exhibit 8 shows the dollar amounts provided by state and federal sources.

Exhibit 8. Federal and state funding totals reported by Tennessee state agencies

Federal	\$2,472,000
State	\$973,000
Total	\$3,445,000

Figure 4. Percentage of federal and state funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention by Tennessee state agencies



The Department of Human Services received all funding set aside by the state of Tennessee for the prevention of violence against women. Money generated by the state of Tennessee made up 28 percent of available funding and came from tax revenues/general fund or from the collection of marriage license fees/surcharges. Exhibit 9 displays the specific sources of federal and state funds.

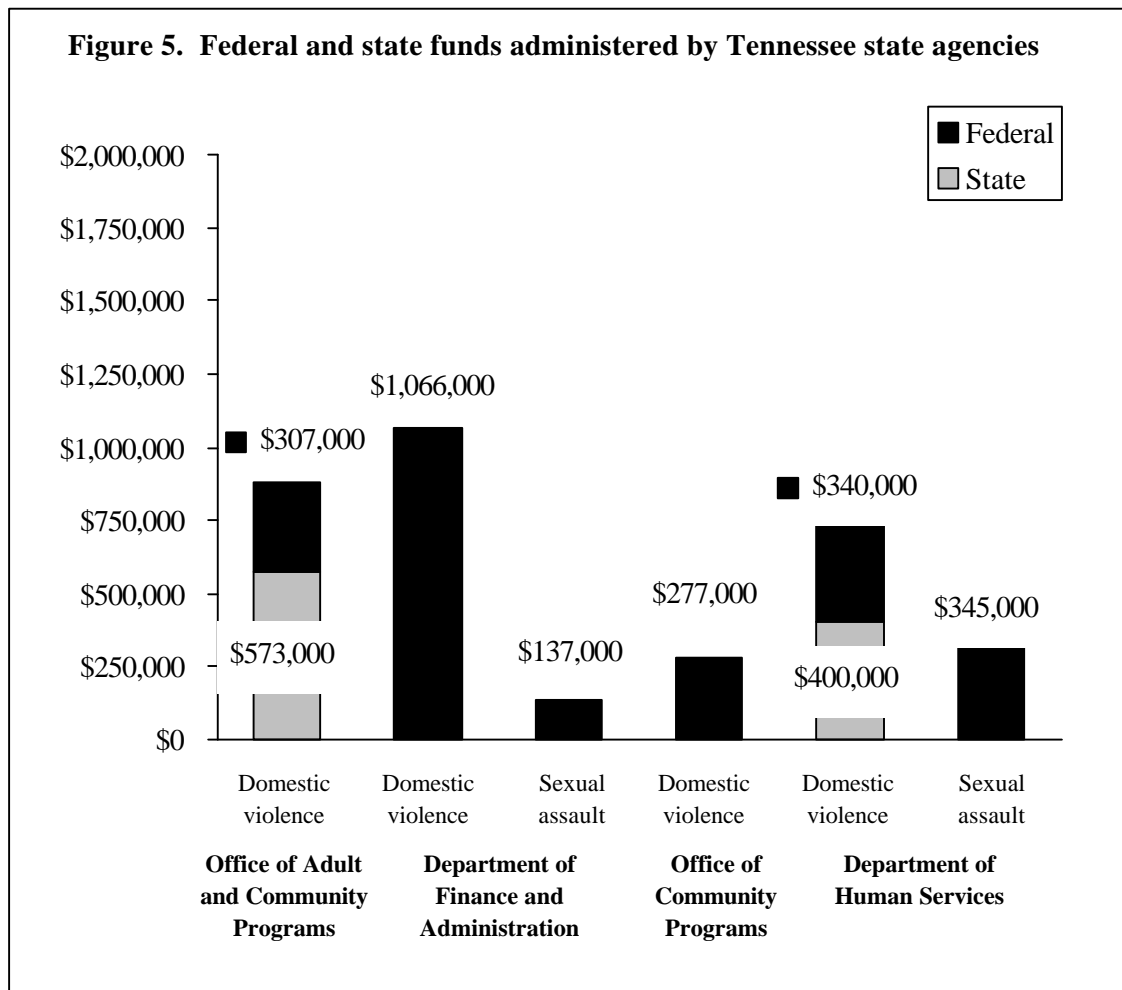
Exhibit 9. Sources of government funding reported by Tennessee state agencies

<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Byrne Memorial Funds - \$1,203,000 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant - \$307,000 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$685,000 Homeless Emergency Shelter Grant - \$277,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax revenues/general fund - \$400,000 Marriage license fee/surcharge - \$573,000

The majority of funding distributed by the various Tennessee state agencies was federal money and was money designated for domestic violence (figure 5). The Department of Finance and Administration provided the largest amount to domestic violence funding (\$1,066,000), which originated as federal Byrne Memorial funds. The Office of Adult and Community Programs also meted out a substantial

amount of domestic violence funding (\$880,000), as did the Department of Human Services (\$740,000), most of which originated as state-generated money.

Sexual assault funds were allocated by two agencies, the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Human Services. All sexual assault money originated as federal money from Byrne Memorial Fund (\$137,000) and the Victims of Crime Act (\$345,000).

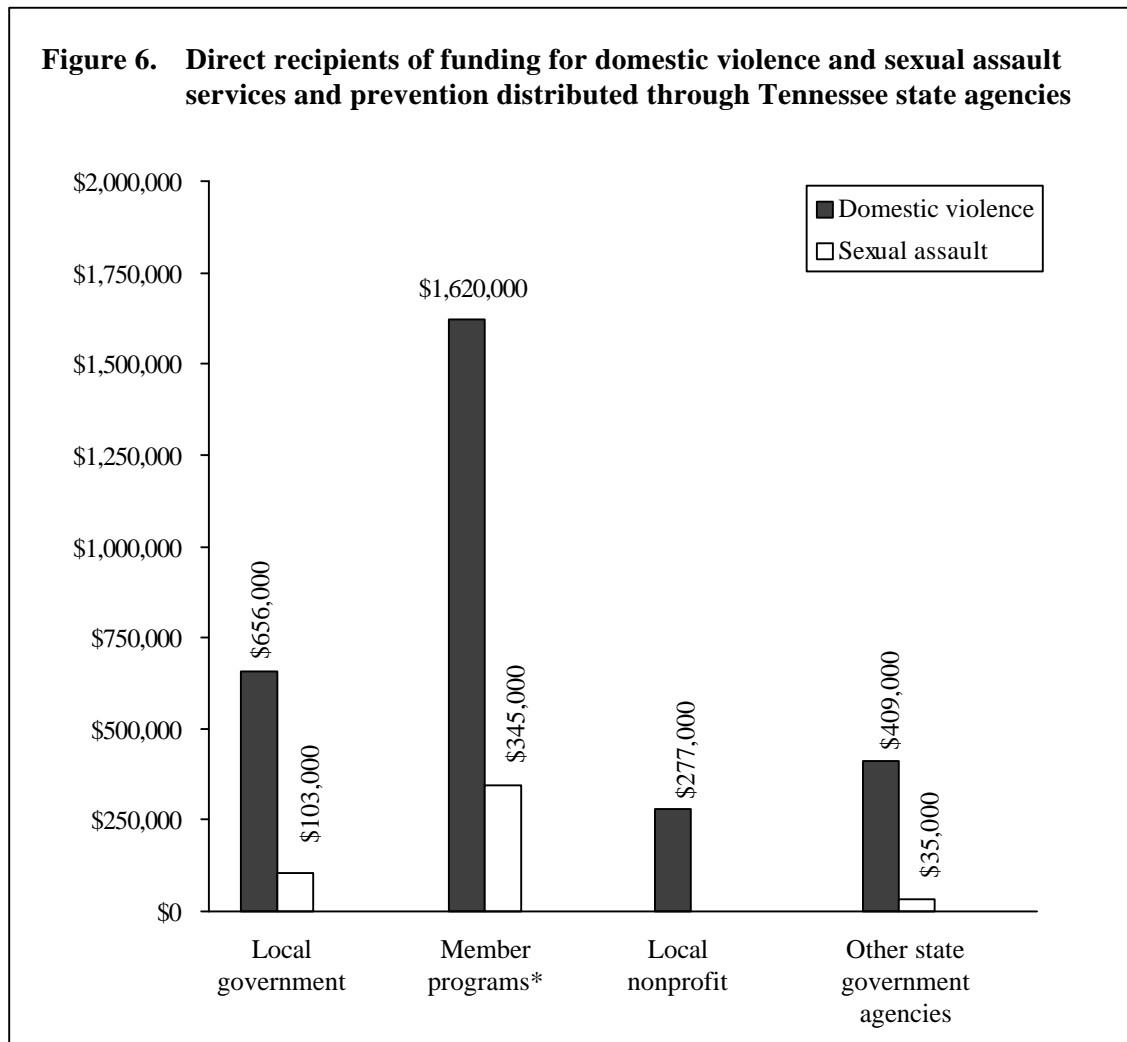


Distribution of State-Administered Funds

Local domestic violence programs received the most state-administered funding overall (see figure 6). Those state agencies that made contributions to local domestic violence programs are the Department of Human Services (\$740,000) and the Office of Adult and Community Programs (\$880,000). Other agencies that provided monetary support for domestic violence programs include the Office of Community Programs, which furnished local nonprofit/nongovernmental programs with \$277,000, and the Department of Finance and Administration, which provided other state agencies with \$409,000 and local government agencies with \$656,000.

Two state agencies administered sexual assault funds. The Department of Finance and Administration distributed funds to other state government agencies (\$35,000) and to local government agencies

(\$102,000). Local sexual assault programs received \$345,000 in monetary support from the Department of Human Services.



*Included are at least 13 programs that are not members of the domestic violence or sexual assault coalition.

Local Programs and Services Funded Through State Agencies

All four of the Tennessee state agencies that received funding for the prevention of violence against women distributed funds to local domestic violence or sexual assault program either directly, through local government agencies, or through local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies. Of all local programs funded, at least 13 were not members of the statewide domestic violence or sexual assault coalition. Of the 13 noncoalition programs, 8 offered only domestic violence services, 1 offered only sexual assault services, and 4 are dual programs offering both types of services. See exhibits 10 and 11 for the range of services offered by these programs.

Some of the programs have developed specific program components to allow them to better serve special populations such as minority women and the elderly. Other populations served through these local programs are those living in urban settings, victims of gang violence, sexual assault offenders and,

child victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse, or violent crime. In addition, one local program has tailored some aspects of its services to meet the needs of a nearby Japanese settlement.

**Exhibit 10. Number of local programs (N=12)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
1	Independently run domestic violence hotline
1	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
3	Support group for women
8	Legal advocacy program
0	Medical advocacy program
1	Specific support program for sheltered children
4	Services for non-sheltered children
5	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
4	Education programs in colleges or universities
11	Community education/speakers bureau
9	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
0	Transitional/second-stage housing
6	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
4	Other services (<i>court advocacy, case management, education about criminal justice, referrals, followup after court, victim transportation to court, information on victims' compensation, outreach, crisis counseling, mobile counseling and education services</i>)

*One domestic violence program did not report its services.

**Exhibit 11. Number of local programs (N=5)
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
1	Independently run sexual assault hotline
2	One-on-one counseling
2	Support group for adult women
1	Support group for teenage girls
1	Support group for male victims
2	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
2	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
2	Secondary support group for parents of victims
3	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
4	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
4	Legal advocacy program
2	Medical advocacy program
1	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
2	Education programs in colleges or universities
4	Community education/speakers bureau
2	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
4	Technical assistance
1	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
1	Other services (<i>case management, court advocacy</i>)

*One dual program did not report its sexual assault services.